

## HIGHLIGHTS!!!

### **Warbelow's Air Ventures sign a Memorandum of Understanding authorizing participation in the Medallion Program.**

John Duncan, FAA Alaskan Region Manager and Art Warbelow, Warbelow's Air Ventures, signed a Memorandum of Understanding authorizing participation in the Medallion Program

The Medallion Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit aviation safety organization that provides management resources, training and support to the Alaskan aviation community. The Medallion Five Star program is an enhanced Safety Management System (SMS) that takes a business-like approach to safety, providing for the settings of goals as well as planning and measuring performance in specific areas through the use of System Safety concepts.

An Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) designed to promote a voluntary, cooperative, nonpunitive environment for the open reporting of safety of flight concerns. Through such reporting, all parties will have access to valuable safety information that may not otherwise be obtainable. This information will be

analyzed in order to develop corrective

actions to help solve safety issues and possibly eliminate deviations from the regulations.

### **Northern Alaska Tour Company first to implement FAA Alaskan Region's Circle of Safety Program in Interior Alaska**

Circle of Safety is a consumer education program developed in the Alaskan Region that resulted from the continuing need to prevent and reduce accidents. The FAA views the customer as having rights and responsibilities with regard to a flight's safety. To inform the flying public of this concept, the agency introduced a consumer education program called the Circle of Safety that acknowledges the passenger as a partner in an effort to prevent accidents.

Northern Alaska Tour Company is an Alaskan-owned tour operator based in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Company was founded in 1987 to provide unparalleled travel and touring experiences in Alaska's Arctic for guests while maintaining the highest standards of safety and commitment to traditional culture and the environment.

## **Everts Air Cargo adds EMB-120 aircraft to its fleet of eight DC-6's and two C-46's**

Robert W. Everts, Owner and President of Tatonduk Outfitters Ltd., dba; Everts Air Cargo said he had doubts at times as to completing this process; but happily said "I've been looking forward to this day for over a year," as he accepted the new amended Operations Specification on October 28, 2004, authorizing Tatonduk Outfitters Ltd., to conduct CFR Part 121 Supplemental, All Cargo Operations with their new Brasilia, EMB-120-FC.

Although the process of locating a suitable aircraft to meet Everts Air Cargo's growing needs started early in 2003, the real work for all concerned started on December 23, 2003 when the Fairbanks FSDO received an initial request from Everts Air Cargo to add an EMB-120-FC to its Operations Specifications. As with all new endeavors, the wheels of progress began to turn ever so slowly; but the pace really picked up once the new aircraft arrived on the Fairbanks ramp in March of 2004, and with its arrival also came increased pressure for the Everts Air Cargo's management team.

Over the past seven months the Everts Air Cargo management team worked tirelessly in completing all the required submissions, training, documentations and inspections within their projected timeframes so as to begin the proving test on September 20, 2004 as planned.

With all the pieces in place, the EMB-120-FC proving tests were conducted from September 20-28, 2004. On September 20, three tabletop scenarios were satisfactorily completed in

preparation of the actual proving tests. During the actual proving tests Everts Air Cargo completed 21 flights totaling 42.2 hours of flight time and satisfactorily completed 11 prepared scenarios which evaluated Everts Air Cargo's maintenance and operational systems, and their approved and accepted procedures.

The major key players of the Everts Air Cargo's management team that carried the brunt of the responsibilities in seeing this grueling process to its completion were:

Owner/President: Robert W. Everts  
Director of Training: Matthew W. McGuire  
Director of Maintenance: Christopher L. Holland  
Chief Inspector: Martin J. Hall  
Director of Operations: Howard A. Hardee

Additionally, another key player was FAA Inspector Larry DeCosta from the Fresno, California FSDO who administered the proving tests for Everts Air Cargo. It must be noted that inspector DeCosta demonstrated a self-sacrificing attitude by tirelessly working 12- to 14-hour workdays, as well as weekends, to accomplish the proving tests and meet the needs of the Fairbanks Flight Standards District Office and Everts Air Cargo.

Although the success of this endeavor took hard work and dedication from the above-mentioned individuals; there are of course other numerous individuals that put their heart into this endeavor. Therefore, all of us here at the Fairbanks Flight Standards Office would like to thank each and everyone of you who played a part, large or small in making this endeavor a success